

# Water and Sewer Fund

Fund 515

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Current	2014/15 Requested	2014/15 Approved	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Charges & Fees	\$903,465	\$579,350	\$617,000	\$617,000	6%
Interest on Investments	(21,950)	0	0	0	0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	1,290,442	1,334,032	0	0	0%
From General Fund	245,000	0	0	0	0%
Fund Balance	(5,169,657)	71,260	1,630,391	1,666,674	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$2,752,700)</b>	<b>\$1,984,642</b>	<b>\$2,247,391</b>	<b>\$2,283,674</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personal Services	\$80,058	\$81,691	\$100,499	\$100,798	23%
Supplies & Operations	207,307	569,842	819,842	855,826	50%
Debt Service	589,026	1,333,109	1,327,050	1,327,050	0%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(3,629,091)	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$2,752,700)</b>	<b>\$1,984,642</b>	<b>\$2,247,391</b>	<b>\$2,283,674</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Employees</b>					
Permanent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
Hourly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Budget Highlights

The budget commits \$1.36 million of the ¼ cent sales tax and \$800,000 or ½ cent on the property tax rate to fund countywide water and wastewater capital and operating needs. In addition to this newly appropriated funding, the department has approximately \$11 million in projects approved in previous years that it will undertake in Fiscal Year 2014/15.

## Performance Measurement

### Fiscal Year 2014/15

Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2014/15 focus on providing needed water and sewer infrastructure projects within the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as efficiently supporting and managing these projects. Staff will improve quality of life by developing and implementing water and sewer projects that will strategically extend at least 8,000 linear feet of water lines and at least 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines. In addition to these projects, Water and Sewer will explore and apply for at least three grants to maximize county dollars, as well as run all new and previously approved projects that have changed since original approval through a prioritization tool to ensure the County pursues the projects that are the highest priority.

New for Water and Sewer is a multi-year outcome to survey 100 percent of households/businesses in the County that do not have access to municipal water and sewer by June 30, 2017. This survey will

serve as an important element in the County's long-range infrastructure planning efforts by identifying areas where citizen demand/need for service is high. While this is a multi-year goal, the department will work with relevant departments such as GIS and Tax in Fiscal Year 2014/15 to complete a list of all unincorporated properties that do not have access to municipal water and/or sewer service.

#### **Fiscal Year 2013/14**

At mid-year, Water and Sewer was on target to meet all of its outcomes. Approximately 59,000 linear feet of sewer lines and 1,000 linear feet of water lines had been extended, with the remaining 20,400 linear feet of sewer lines and 12,000 feet of water lines anticipated in the second half of the year. To offset the costs related to Water and Sewer, staff received a Community Development Block Grant for \$750,000 to extend water service along Old Shelby Road. This project will provide municipal water to 131 persons representing 63 households. Additionally, all Water and Sewer projects, both current and new, had been prioritized using the County's Utility Prioritization Tool.

#### **Fiscal Year 2012/13**

Water & Sewer achieved three of its four outcomes. The successes include enhancing economic development opportunities and providing sewer infrastructure to southeastern Catawba County by having the Highway 150 Sewer project get underway; receiving two grants totaling \$105,000 to reduce community waste and improve Biodiesel feedstock harvesting/production; and prioritizing all Water and Sewer Capital projects by using the department's Utility Prioritization Tool.

The lone unachieved outcome was to extend at least 12,300 linear feet of water lines and at least 23,400 linear feet of sewer lines. Due to the Bunker Hill/Oxford Sewer project, Water & Sewer was able to extend 26,680 linear feet of sewer. In regards to the water lines, the division installed only 2,300 linear feet. However, Highway 150 water construction will begin in Fiscal Year 2013/14, and Ramseur Road water has been bid and construction will also start in Fiscal Year 2013/14.

## **WATER AND SEWER ADMINISTRATION**

### **Statement of Purpose**

Provide a source of clean drinking water and environmentally responsible sewage disposal in the unincorporated areas of the County.

### **Outcomes**

1. To improve quality of life in Catawba County, Utilities and Engineering will continue to develop and implement water and sewer projects which will strategically extend at least 8,000 linear feet of water lines and at least 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines. This will enhance infrastructure availability to citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Explore grant opportunities by utilizing staff to investigate and apply for a minimum of three grants annually to offset costs of projects, components, or operations associated with Water and Sewer Management, Solid Waste Management, or the EcoComplex as measured by tracking grant applications.
3. To ensure the water and sewer projects completed in Fiscal Year 2014/15 are those that demonstrate the most need, all previously and currently funded projects in the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan that have changed since their approval will be re-run through the Utility Prioritization Tool and reprioritized accordingly
4. To ensure citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County have the opportunity to provide input for consideration in future water and sewer extension efforts, staff will survey 100 percent of households/businesses in the County that do not have access to municipal water and sewer by June 30, 2017. This survey will serve as an important element in the County's long-range infrastructure planning efforts by identifying areas where citizen demand/need for service is high. For Fiscal Year 2014/15, the department will work with relevant departments such as GIS and Tax to complete a list of all unincorporated properties that do not have access to municipal water and/or sewer service.